



A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO COMPILE INFORMATION ON STATE AND FEDERAL BENEFITS OFFERED TO ACTIVE-DUTY OR RESERVE MILITARY PERSONNEL, MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD, AND VETERANS OF EACH.

WHEREAS, the House Taxation Committee considered a number of bills to provide tax benefits for active-duty or reserve military personnel, members of the Montana National Guard, and veterans of each; and

WHEREAS, other standing committees and the Committee of the Whole of the 63rd Legislature also considered bills to provide various benefits for active-duty or reserve military personnel, members of the Montana National Guard, and veterans of each; and

WHEREAS, the information on the benefits offered to active-duty or reserve military personnel, members of the Montana National Guard, and veterans of each will likely be useful for the 64th Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to compile information on the benefits available to active-duty or reserve military personnel, members of the Montana National Guard, and veterans of each.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the information compiled include all types of benefits offered by state and local government, including but not limited to:

- (1) tax benefits, including treatment of pension income;
- (2) reduced or waived fees for government services;
- (3) hunting and fishing license benefits;
- (4) education benefits, including allowing military education and training to apply for certification or licensure;
- (5) employment preferences; and

(6) health benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the information clearly distinguish which benefits are available and the commensurate value of the benefits to active-duty or reserve military personnel, members of the Montana Army National Guard, and veterans of each.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that information also be compiled, to the extent possible, on federal benefits received by active-duty or reserve military personnel, members of the Montana National Guard, and veterans of each.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 64th Legislature.

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I hereby certify that the within joint resolution,
HJ 0030, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2013.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2013.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

INTRODUCED BY K. HANSEN

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